

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

SEVERE WEATHER 8 May 2008

SITUATION REPORT # 3

1500 Hours 12 May 2008

The next Situation Report will be Wednesday, 14 May 2008 at 1300 hours.

New Information in bold italic font

SUMMARY

During the overnight hours of May 8 and throughout the day 9 May, a storm system moved across the Commonwealth generating heavy rain and wind. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center received reports of storm related damage from several localities across the Commonwealth. ***National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Offices confirmed 4 tornadoes impacted the Commonwealth on 8 May, NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted Stafford County and NWS Blacksburg confirmed EF 1 tornadoes impacted Henry, Appomattox, and Pittsylvania counties.*** NWS Sterling determined that damage in Spotsylvania County and the City of Fredericksburg was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. NWS Sterling reviewing data and information on storm damage in Nelson County and will deploy storm survey team if warranted. No storm related fatalities were reported and one injury was reported in Stafford County.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: ***The VEOC is at Recovery Operations with normal staffing.*** Secretary of Public Safety Marshall visited the England Run North Subdivision in Stafford County on 9 May.

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declared:

Stafford County declared a local emergency on 9 May.

City of Martinsville declared a local emergency on 9 May

Local Emergency Operations Center Activated:

City of Martinsville opened 9 May at 0900 hours, closed 1200 hours 9 May

City of Danville opened 9 May at 0630 hours

Nelson County opened 8 May at 2230 hours, closed 0700 hours 9 May

WEATHER

Forecast:

Monday, 12 May: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers; high temperatures mid 50's to low 60's; winds 15-25 MPH with gusts up to 50 MPH in West Central, South Central and Eastern Shore. Monday night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers; low temperatures low to upper 40's; winds 10-20 MPH with gusts up to 35 MPH in West Central, South Central and Southeast and gusts up to 55 MPH in Eastern Shore. Tuesday, 13 May: Mostly sunny with a chance of showers on the Eastern Shore; high temperatures upper 60's to low 70's; winds 10-15 MPH except Southeast and Eastern Shore 15-25 MPH. Tuesday night: Partly cloudy; low temperatures mid 40's to low 50's; winds 5-15 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

Local Liaison: ***Region 7 Coordinator Hopkins is available to assist Stafford County officials and is currently assisting Loudoun County officials with flooding due to rains that impacted the Commonwealth on 11 May.*** Region 2 Coordinator Sterling assisted Spotsylvania County and City of Fredericksburg officials on 9 May.

INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

As of 1100 hours 12 May, there are 5 Primary roads and 151 secondary roads closed due to flooding or washout

ESF 12 – Energy:

As of 1445 hours 12 May approximately 12,700 customers without power statewide due to heavy rains and winds that impacted the Commonwealth on 11 May:

Dominion Virginia Power – 10,500 (6,800 – Northern VA area; 2,100 – Richmond Metro/Tri-cities area)

Appalachian Power – 440

Alleghany Power – 980 (690 – Warren County)

Electric Coops – 800 scattered

**ESF 14 – Long-term
Community Recovery**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>
Franklin County	\$5,000	\$3,500
Fredericksburg, City of	\$1,800,000	\$0
Martinsville, City of	\$70,000	\$86,500
Spotsylvania County	\$1,000,000	\$0
Stafford County	\$7,700,000	\$0
Total	\$10,575,000	\$90,000

State Public Assistance Damage Assessment Team deployed to Stafford County 12 May to tour impacted sites with County officials and explain state Public Assistance Program eligibility and overall process. VDEM Recovery Staff is coordinating debris removal issues with Stafford County officials. State Cooperation Commission Bureau of Insurance provided literature and contact information at Stafford Disaster Assistance Center. VDEM Recovery Staff reviewing data from Initial Damage Reports that were submitted.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Shelters Open

Stafford County, Gayle Middle School: shelter closed 9 May

City of Danville, Salvation Army Building: shelter closed 9 May

**ESF 17 – Volunteers and
Donations:**

American Red Cross

10 case workers assisting at Stafford County Disaster Assistance Center; 1 Emergency Response Unit dispensing cleaning supplies in Stafford County; 2 Mobile Feeding Stations available in Stafford County

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support Fairfax radio cache deployed to Stafford County; **radio cache demobilized on 11 May**

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit

Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Stafford County:

NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted the England Run North Subdivision at approximately 2255 hrs 8 May. Initial damage assessments report 4 homes destroyed, 62 homes major damage, 62 homes minor damage, 1 church damaged and 1 commercial building damaged. Stafford County is utilizing a forward Unified Incident Command EOC at the incident. Disaster Assistance Center will be open daily at Fire Station #12, Route 17, 2 miles north of incident, from 0800 to 1630 hours until further notice. Residents were permitted to reoccupy houses determined to be safe on 9 May and the shelter was closed. **Clean up and recovery operations continue.**

County officials continue to assess damages and have identified three more neighborhoods that were damaged. An updated Initial Damage Assessment Report is being prepared to reflect the damages not previously reported. Stafford County Sheriff's Department lifted access control operations on 11 May and will continue with increased security. Over 200 tons of debris has been removed as of 11 May. A second Town Hall Meeting was held on 11 May and some issues discussed were permits, debris removal and mail service. US Post Office resumed mail delivery on 12 May for those residences with mailboxes. VA Congressman Rob Wittman visited and toured the area on 10 May. All mutual aid assistance provided by the FBI Quantico National Capital Region Incident Management Team, District of Columbia Fire Department, City of Fredericksburg Fire/EMS and Fairfax County Fire/EMS demobilized 11 May.

<i>Martinsville, City of:</i>	Three people were evacuated and 1 home was flooded.
<i>Danville, City of:</i>	12 people were evacuated, but no reports of flood damage.
<i>Nelson County:</i>	The County has reported 2 homes with major damage and people evacuated in the area.
<i>Henry/Franklin County:</i>	NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted the area north of Figsboro in Henry County and moved north into Franklin County. Franklin County reported 1 home with damage.
<i>Spotsylvania County:</i>	NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. County reported damage to one industrial complex.
<i>Fredericksburg, City of:</i>	NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. The City reported damage to one industrial complex.
<i>Prince William County:</i>	Several homes in one subdivision have flooding in the basements.
<i>Appomattox County:</i>	<i>NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted an area 2 miles west of the Town of Hixburg. VEOC has not received any reports of damages.</i>
<i>Pittsylvania County:</i>	<i>NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted an area 3 miles east-southeast of the Town of Ajax. VEOC has not received any reports of damages.</i>

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